

REMARKS

Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled.

Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12-20, 23, and 24 have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies. As amended, each of these claims depends directly from a single preceding claim. Claims 4, 17, 20, 23, and 24 have been amended to correct informalities.

The above amendments have been made to more clearly define the invention under United States practice and are purely formal in nature. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims, and therefore, do not introduce new matter.

Claims 1-20 and 23-24 are pending.

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Respectfully submitted,

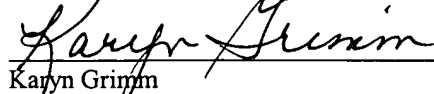


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